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JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: JOINT-USE TERMINAL AT KEFLAVIK

1. WHILE DISCUSSIONS WITH ICELANDERS CANNOT BEGIN UNTIL A
NEW GOVERNMENT IS FORMED, WE MUST BEGIN NOW TO PROCEED WITH
OUR OWN PLANNING. OUR OBJECTIVE IS TO INCLUDE THE TERMINAL
PROPOSAL IN THE MILCON BUDGET REQUEST TO BE SUBMITTED TO
CONGRESS IN JANUARY 1980. THESE PROPOSALS ARE FOR YOUR IN-
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FORMATION AND COMMENTS AND SHOULD NOT RPT NOT BE DISCUSSED
WITH GOI AT THIS TIME.

2. THIS TENTATIVE SCHEDULE IS FOR YOUR INFORMATION:
A. THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED: NAVY HAS
PROVIDED ISA WITH FISCAL QUESTIONS TO BE DECIDED BY THE DOD
COMPTROLLER, AND ISA HAS SENT THE MEMORANDUM TO THE COMPT-

ROLLER.

B. JULY 1978.

(1) OJCS PROVIDES A LISTING OF POSSIBLE USES FOR THE TERMINAL IN TIMES OF CRISIS.

(2) DOD FUNDING RESPONSIBILITIES AND TERMINAL DESIGN CRITERIA TENTATIVELY ESTABLISHED.

(3) MEETING OF STATE-DEFENSE ICELAND TERMINAL WORKING GROUP TO ASSESS PROGRESS AND ASSIGN FURTHER ACTION.

C. LATE JULY 1978. CABLE TO EMB/REYKJAVIK PROPOSING FIRST ROUND OF BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS IN ICELAND DURING THE PERIOD 4-6 OCTOBER. (TENTATIVE US TEAM MAKE-UP: ONE STATE, ONE EMBASSY, ONE COMLCEDEFFOR, ONE OSD/ISA, TWO NAVY, ONE CINCLANT, TOTAL SEVEN. OTHER POSSIBILITIES: AF ONE AND COMPTROLLER ONE.)

D. AUGUST 1978. MEETING PLACE AND TIME AGREED UPON. PROPOSED AGENDA GIVEN TO ICELANDERS FOR COMMENT.

E. SEPTEMBER 1978. AGENDA FINALIZED. US TEAM DESIGNATED. DELEGATION GUIDANCE DRAFTED AND APPROVED.

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F. 4-6 OCTOBER 1978. FIRST MEETING OF THE ICELAND/US JOINT TERMINAL PLANNING GROUP (JOTPLAG). AGREEMENT REACHED ON BASIC DIVISION OF RESPONSIBILITIES BETWEEN US AND ICELAND RE PLANNING, CONSTRUCTION, ETC.

G. MID-OCTOBER 1978. US WORKING GROUP MEETING TO REVIEW DEVELOPMENTS AND BEGIN NEXT PHASE OF WORK, TO BE COMPLETED BY FEBRUARY.

H. NOVEMBER 1978. USAF ROLE IN FUNDING TO BE DETERMINED.

I. FEBRUARY 1979 (POSSIBLY SOONER, DEPENDING ON CIRCUMSTANCES). SECOND MEETING OF THE ICELAND/US JOINT TERMINAL PLANNING GROUP.

J. APRIL 1979. SCOPE AND SITING OF FACILITY FIRMED. ARCHITECT/ENGINEERING CONTRACT AWARDED. PREPARATION OF CONSTRUCTION PLAN AND SPECIFICATIONS BEGINS.

K. OCTOBER 1979. COST ESTIMATE FIRM.

L. JANUARY 1980. PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS 35 PER CENT

COMPLETE.

NOTE: THIS SCHEDULE ASSUMES THAT AN ICELANDIC GOVERNMENT WILL BE FORMED WITHIN A FEW WEEKS. OBVIOUSLY DISCUSSIONS WITH GOI CAN ONLY BEGIN WHEN A GOVERNMENT IS NAMED.

3. THE FOLLOWING TOPICS AND QUESTIONS MUST BE RESOLVED WITHIN THE US GOVERNMENT AND ADDRESSED SUBSEQUENTLY AS AGENDA ITEMS DURING JOINT CONSULTATIONS. EMBASSY AND ICEDEFOR COMMENTS ARE INVITED.

A. WHAT ARE PROJECTIONS FOR COMMERCIAL USAGE OF TERMINAL?

B. WHO WILL DO THE PLANNING FOR TERMINAL? WHAT ROLES WILL
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THE GOI AND USG HAVE IN PLANNING (I.E., DETERMINING THE SCOPE OF THE FACILITY, WHETHER US OR ICELAND'S STANDARDS USED, AND WHO WILL PREPARE INITIAL PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS)?

C. WHAT ARE THE COST PROJECTIONS AND HOW WILL THESE BE DIVIDED? WILL THE GOI SHARE BE AVAILABLE THE SAME TIME THE US SHARE IS APPROPRIATED BY CONGRESS, I.E., OCTOBER 1980 (FY 1981)?

D. WHO WILL PERFORM THE CONSTRUCTION? WHAT WILL BE MECHANISM FOR MONITORING CONSTRUCTION?

4. WE WISH TO STRESS THAT THE PRECEEDING IS PRELIMINARY ONLY AND WILL BE MODIFIED BY VIEWS FROM YOU AND OTHERS.

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